THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE C.V. RAMULU

W.P. NO. 17088 of 1991

O R D E R:

The grievance of the petitioners is that the Government by issuing G.O.Ms.No. 1382 dated 3.9.1984 extended certain benefits such as Pilgrimage Compensatory Allowance at the rate of 10% of the basic pay to the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams Employees working in Tirumala and Tirupati.

The petitioners being the employees of the Road Transport Corporation and are working in the same Tirumala Thirupati town ship. Once such a benefit of Pilgrimage Compensatory Allowance at the rate of 10% of the basic is extended by the Tirumala Tirupathi Devasthanam and under G.O.Ms.No. 62 dated 12th January, 1990 to other employees such as Zillaparishads and other Government Departments, the same should be extended to the petitioners since the petitioners are also working under the same conditions in which the Thirumala Thirupathi Devasthanam employees and other Government employees are working.

A detailed counter has been filed on behalf of the first and second respondents wherein they have categorically stated that the said G.Os., issued by the Government have no application to the employees of the corporation. It is also not disputed that the G.Os were not adopted by the board of the corporation. The petitioners are not entitled to Pilgrimage Compensatory Allowance on par with T.T.D. and Government employees as the corporation employees are

are governed by the rules and regulations of the corporation and the wage settlement entered into between the corporation and the trade unions under section 12(3) of the I.D. Act from time to time. The last settlement entered with the union was on 21-4-1991, which was followed up to 31-3-1993 or till it is replaced with another agreement. The petitioners also cannot compare themselves for the purpose of this compensatory allowance with that of the other APSRTC employees, who are on deputation to T.T.D. Once they are deputed to any particular organization, it is for that organization to pay such allowance or not.

From the above, it is seen that the G.Os issued by the Government from time to time granting any benefits to its employees, have no application so far as the employees of the APSRTC are concerned. Admittedly, employees of A.P.S.R.T.C. are governed by separate set of statutory rules. Since the said G.Os., extending the benefit of Pilgrimage Compensatory Allowance is not adopted by the A.P.S.R.T.C., though the petitioners are working within the Tirupathi town, as that of the other employees, they are not entitled for such benefits automatically.

The petitioners have no right what so ever. The writ petition is devoid of merits and the same is liable to be dismissed and accordingly dismissed. No order as to costs.

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